

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

United States of America

v.

Musa Demaj and Amijet Kurtishi,

Defendants.

Proposed Protective Order

24 Mag. 1094

Upon the application of the United States of America, and with the consent of the undersigned counsel, the Court hereby finds and orders as follows:

Categories

1. **Disclosure Material.** The Government, as a courtesy to the defendants and to facilitate potential pre-indictment resolutions in this case, will make disclosure to the defendants of certain documents, objects and/or information (“Disclosure Material”), including electronically stored information (“ESI”), notwithstanding the absence of any obligation by the Government to do so in advance of the filing of an Indictment in connection with this case. The Government’s disclosure material may include material that affects the privacy, confidentiality and business interests of individuals and entities, and that is not authorized to be disclosed to the public or disclosed beyond that which is necessary for the defense of this criminal case.

2. **Sealed Material.** Certain of the Government’s Disclosure Material, referred to herein as “Sealed Material,” contains information that identifies, or could lead to the identification of, witnesses who may be subject to intimidation or obstruction, and whose lives, persons, and property, as well as the lives, persons and property of loved ones, will be subject to risk of harm absent the protective considerations set forth herein.

3. **Attorney's Possession Only ("APO") Material.** Certain materials in this case raise a particular risk of affecting the privacy or safety of victims or witnesses, or the confidentiality of ongoing investigations. Disclosure Material produced by the Government to the defendants or his or her counsel that is either (1) designated in whole or in part as "Attorney's Possession Only" by the Government in emails or communications to defense counsel, or (2) that includes a Bates or other label stating "Attorney's Possession Only" or "APO" shall be deemed "APO Material." Any material designated as APO Material shall also be deemed Sealed Material.

NOW, THEREFORE, FOR GOOD CAUSE SHOWN, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

Disclosure and Treatment

4. Disclosure Material shall not be disclosed by the defendants or defense counsel, including any successor counsel ("the defense") other than as set forth herein, and shall be used by the defense solely for purposes of defending this action. The defense shall not post any Disclosure Material on any Internet site or network site, including any social media site such as Facebook or Twitter, to which persons other than the parties hereto have access, and shall not disclose any Disclosure Material to the media.

5. Sealed Material pertinent to any motion before the Court should initially be filed under seal, absent consent of the Government or Order of the Court, and may be disclosed by defense counsel to:

- a. The defendants;
- b. Personnel for whose conduct defense counsel is responsible, *i.e.*, personnel employed by or retained by counsel, as needed for purposes of defending this action; and

c. Prospective witnesses for purposes of defending this action.

6. APO Material received by defense counsel shall be maintained in a safe and secure manner by defense counsel and any personnel for whose conduct defense counsel is responsible; shall not be possessed by a defendant, except in the presence of a defendant's counsel and any personnel for whose conduct defense counsel is responsible; and shall not be disclosed in any form by the defendant, his or her counsel, or any personnel for whose conduct defense counsel is responsible except as set forth herein.

Other Provisions

7. This Order does not prevent the disclosure of any disclosure material in any hearing or trial held in this action, or to any judge or magistrate judge, for purposes of this action. All filings should comply with the privacy protection provisions of Fed. R. Crim. P. 49.1 and the above provisions referencing sealing of certain Disclosure Material.

8. The Government's designation of material will be controlling absent contrary order of the Court. However, the Government may authorize, in writing, disclosure of Disclosure Material beyond that otherwise permitted by this Order without further Order of this Court.

9. The defense shall provide a copy of this Order to prospective witnesses and persons retained by counsel to whom the defense has disclosed Disclosure Material. All such persons shall be subject to the terms of this Order. Defense counsel shall maintain a record of what information has been disclosed to which such persons.

10. Except for Disclosure Material that has been made part of the record of this case, the defense shall return to the Government or securely destroy or delete all Disclosure Material,

including any ESI, within 30 days of the expiration of the period for direct appeal from any verdict in the above-captioned case; the period of direct appeal from any order dismissing any of the charges in the above-captioned case; and the granting of any motion made on behalf of the Government dismissing any charges in the above-captioned case, whichever date is later, subject to defense counsel's obligation to retain client files under the Rules of Professional Conduct. If Disclosure Material is provided to any personnel for whose conduct defense counsel is responsible or prospective witnesses, defense counsel shall make reasonable efforts to seek the return or destruction of such materials.

11. The Government has advised that information that may be subject to disclosure in this case may be contained within ESI that the Government has received, pursuant to warrants issued during the course of the investigation, from various cellphones and other devices and storage media. This ESI was seized from Musa Demaj and Amijet Kurtishi. Upon consent of all counsel, the Government is authorized to disclose to defense counsel the entirety of such ESI, which shall be deemed Sealed Material unless otherwise designated.


12. This Order places no restriction on a defendant's use or disclosure of ESI or other Disclosure Material that originally belonged to the defendant.

Retention of Jurisdiction

12. The provisions of this order shall not terminate at the conclusion of this criminal prosecution and the Court will retain jurisdiction to enforce this Order following termination of the case.

AGREED AND CONSENTED TO:

DAMIAN WILLIAMS
United States Attorney

by: 
Benjamin M. Burkett
Assistant United States Attorney

Date: June 3, 2024


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SO ORDERED:

Dated: New York, New York
June 11, 2024


UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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